

Appendix table 7-1

Primary source of information about current news events, by respondent characteristic: 2010

(Percent)

Characteristic	Newspaper	Magazine	Internet	Book/ other print	Television	Radio	Government agency	Family	Friend/ colleague	Other	Don't know
All adults (<i>n</i> = 781)	16	1	24	1	45	8	1	1	2	*	*
Sex											
Male (<i>n</i> = 357)	17	2	26	1	40	10	2	0	2	0	*
Female (<i>n</i> = 424)	16	1	22	*	50	6	0	2	2	*	*
Formal education ^a											
<High school (<i>n</i> = 115)	22	0	11	0	56	6	0	0	4	0	1
High school graduate (<i>n</i> = 264)	16	1	11	2	59	7	1	1	2	0	*
Some college (<i>n</i> = 173)	11	2	40	1	30	9	2	2	2	*	0
Baccalaureate (<i>n</i> = 138)	11	1	39	0	37	10	0	1	2	0	0
Graduate/professional degree (<i>n</i> = 90)	28	5	30	1	26	9	0	0	1	0	0
Science/mathematics education ^b											
Low (<i>n</i> = 294)	17	1	17	1	53	6	2	1	2	0	0
Middle (<i>n</i> = 99)	21	*	30	2	39	6	0	*	1	0	0
High (<i>n</i> = 113)	10	2	49	0	24	14	0	0	2	0	0
Family income (quartile) ^a											
Top (<i>n</i> = 140)	15	3	36	0	36	9	0	1	*	0	*
Second (<i>n</i> = 197)	18	1	22	1	41	9	1	1	5	0	0
Third (<i>n</i> = 186)	14	2	23	0	49	8	0	1	1	*	0
Bottom (<i>n</i> = 186)	9	1	23	2	54	5	2	1	2	0	*
Age (years) ^a											
18–24 (<i>n</i> = 40)	1	2	41	0	48	3	0	1	3	0	0
25–34 (<i>n</i> = 150)	7	1	39	1	37	11	0	*	4	0	0
35–44 (<i>n</i> = 134)	15	1	32	0	35	13	0	2	3	0	0
45–54 (<i>n</i> = 136)	8	1	20	*	56	9	0	1	4	0	0
55–64 (<i>n</i> = 160)	20	2	18	2	50	4	2	1	0	*	0
≥65 (<i>n</i> = 157)	39	1	5	2	46	5	2	0	0	0	1

* = <0.5% responded

^aCategories do not add to total *n* because "don't know" and "refused" responses not shown.^bLow = ≤5 high school and college science/math courses; middle = 6–8 courses; high = ≥9 courses. Questions asked of 582 survey respondents; categories do not add to total because "don't know" and "refused" responses not shown.NOTES: Responses to *We are interested in how people get information about events in the news. Where do you get most of your information about current news events?* Percentages may not add to 100% because of rounding.

SOURCE: University of Chicago, National Opinion Research Center, General Social Survey (2010).

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